

## **Lump Sum Funding**

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A portion of the STIP funding is set aside for eight groups of projects that do not affect the capacity of the roadway. Funds are set up in lump sum categories to undertake projects that are developed after the STIP is approved. These lump sums are listed in a number of funding types for each year for the Department's convenience in managing and accounting for the funding. Funds are drawn from these lump sums during the year and individual projects are programmed. The individual projects may include work at one or several locations for letting and accounting purposes. Listed below are these eight groups and information about them. Except for groups for preliminary engineering and rights of way protective buying, the total available funds are shown as construction for easy accounting but preliminary engineering and rights-of-way may be drawn from this amount when needed in that category.

### **Group: maintenance**

Criteria: existing system maintenance only

This group has six funding/work types: two are for bridge painting/maintenance and the other four are for roadway maintenance. Major types of work undertaken are: resurfacing, pavement rehabilitation, median work, impact attenuators, signing, fencing, pavement markings, landscaping, rest areas, walls, guardrail and shoulder work. Also included is preliminary engineering necessary to prepare plans and rights-of-way needed for work such as landslide repair, sewer hookups and erosion control.

### **Group: safety**

Criteria: work qualifying for the High Hazard Safety Program and other safety projects

This group includes the following work types: signal installation/upgrades, guardrail installation, sign installation, railroad protection devices, operational improvements, railroad crossing hazard elimination, roadway hazard elimination and special safety studies and programs.

### **Group: preliminary engineering**

Criteria: planning, management systems and consultant design services

This group has two funding/work types: planning/management systems and consultant design services

### **Group: wetland mitigation**

Criteria: site restoration for projects already under construction/complete and wetland banks  
This group is a single item.

**Group: roadway/interchange lighting**

Criteria: lighting

This group is a single item.

**Group: rights of way - protective buying and hardship acquisitions**

Criteria: purchase of parcel(s) of rights of way (RW) for future projects that are in jeopardy of development and for hardship acquisition. Qualifying projects are those that have preliminary engineering (PE) underway or have a PE, RW or construction phase in the STIP. For counties that are not in conformance for air quality the only qualifying projects are those that have a RW phase in the STIP. This group is a single item.

**Group: transportation enhancement**

Criteria: projects qualifying for the Transportation Enhancement program (TEA)

TEA projects shown in the STIP will be funded on a first come first served basis. When a project is funded it is drawn down from the lump sum. When all funds are gone, no other projects can be funded until the next fiscal year, which begins on July 1.

This group is a single item.

**Group: livable centers initiative (LCI)**

Criteria: projects qualifying for the LCI program and selected by the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC)

LCI implementation projects are selected on a competitive basis and lump sum funding amounts are programmed according to reasonable schedules for engineering, right of way acquisitions and construction for projects comprising the overall program. Funding for individual phases of a project may be shifted between fiscal years as necessary if such shifts do not affect the implementation schedule of other projects or exceed the overall lump sum funding amount.

This group is a single item.

**Group: safe routes to schools**

Criteria: To enable and encourage children, including those with disabilities, to walk and bicycle to school; to make walking and bicycling to school safe and more appealing; and to facilitate the planning, development and implementation of projects that will improve safety, and reduce traffic, fuel consumption, and air pollution in the vicinity of schools.

This group has two items; Infrastructure & non-infrastructure.